

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. JOHNNIE
BAMPFIELD JAMES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Johnnie Bampfied James who turns 90 years old this month.

Born Johnnie Elizabeth Watts, on February 25, 1920, in Fairfax, S.C., to the Rev. John Quincy Watts and Estella English Watts, Mrs. James was one of thirteen children. She remembers walking with her brothers about 2 miles to attend the Huspah School, a two-room school located on the grounds of the local church. Her basketball uniform is currently displayed at the "Old Colored School", which has been formally certified as a historical landmark in South Carolina.

In 1937, she attended South Carolina State University for a semester, met and married James Howard Bampfied, from Yemassee, SC. She left school, began a family, and moved to Beaufort, S.C. Her daughter, Ethel was born in 1940. Joining her husband in New York City, she worked as a domestic until she returned home to Hampton, S.C. and gave birth to her daughter, Gwen, in 1951.

She began substitute teaching and was encouraged to return to school to complete her college education with a promise of a job when she graduated. She attended Claflin College graduating in 1957 and began a teaching career in Dale-Lobeca, S.C. (Beaufort area) where she taught 1st grade. When an opening became available at home, she joined the staff at the Hampton Colored School.

In 1958 Ms. Johnnie returned to New York and joined her husband in Brooklyn where she began a near twenty year dedicated career of working with at-risk children at the Spofford Juvenile Detention Center, Bronx, N.Y. As a "dorm mother" Ms. Johnnie gained the respect, admiration and love of hundreds of young girls as they passed through the juvenile justice system. On more than one occasion she requested special permission to take a young girl home with her, and in one such instance became a foster parent for a youth who had no family resources. Cutting across ethnic, racial and religious differences, Mrs. James, a skilled seamstress, was a mentor for the girls sharing her talent for arts and crafts and design and decorating. She was also a supportive and reliable employee always demonstrating awareness and consideration of others. In 1965 her adopted daughter Barbara J. Lee joined the family.

In 1976 she retired from service in New York and returned to her hometown of Hampton, South Carolina, the same year of her husband's death.

In 1978, she married the late Deacon Felder James. Ms. Johnnie joined the Huspah Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and has been a faithful member and a Deaconess for more than 30 years. Ms. Johnnie continues to enjoy her arts and crafts, volunteering at the Council on Aging Center in Hampton. Her cooking ministry provides infamous Sunday fellowship dinners for all who come.

She is a member of the Eastern Star-Glad Tidings Chapter, an active member of the Brother & Sister Benevolent Society. She is a

mother of two daughters, one adopted daughter, one stepson, six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Johnnie Bampfied James who turns 90 this month and I encourage my colleagues to join me in this effort and celebration.

**HONORING ALBRECHT-KEMPER
MUSEUM OF ART**

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art in Saint Joseph, Missouri, which has been awarded accreditation by the American Association of Museums. Accreditation by the AAM is the highest recognition of a museum's commitment to public service, professional standards, and excellence in education.

The Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art originated in 1913 with the foundation of the Saint Joseph Art League, a group made up of twelve women who had a clear vision of increasing public awareness and understanding of the arts. It has since grown into the cultural arts center for Northwest Missouri, and includes one of the finest collections of 18th-, 19th-, and 20th century American art in the Midwest region. The Museum has continually fulfilled the vision of its founders by focusing on the community and strengthening its relationship to the arts through classes, workshops, educational programs, special exhibitions, as well as support of local talent and events throughout the region. The Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art joins an impressive group of 778 institutions currently accredited by AAM.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, an icon of cultural exuberance and public appreciation of the arts. It is my privilege to represent this museum and all its efforts in the United States Congress.

**HONORING GEORGE QUIER'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY**

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George Quier, a Southeastern Pennsylvania resident and dedicated volunteer celebrating his 100th birthday.

George remains an extremely active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #57 in Norristown, Pennsylvania. His roots in the Odd Fellows organization run deep, as George, and his 103-year-old brother, Calvin, were raised in the Odd Fellows Philadelphia orphanage.

And George, who bravely served our country in the Army for 22 years, has been a member of the Odd Fellows for more than 80 years. To this day, he faithfully fulfills the Odd Fellows pledge to visit the sick and relieve the distressed by volunteering seven hours per

day, five days per week at Mercy Suburban Hospital.

Friends and members of the Odd Fellows Lodge #57 who cherish George's companionship and commitment to the organization will celebrate his remarkable personal milestone during a dinner at P.J. Whelihans in Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, on February 22, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring George Quier for his tremendous volunteer spirit and in wishing him a very happy 100th birthday. He is an inspiration to all.

HONORING MR. JEFF DIETRICH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Jeff Dietrich. Mr. Dietrich served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Arkwright Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Dietrich served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Dietrich is one of those people and that is why Madam Speaker I rise to pay tribute to him today.

**IN HONOR OF THE UNI-CAPITOL
WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP
PROGRAM**

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program. This annual program is a wonderful educational experience for both the Congressional office and especially for the visiting intern. The eight week program delivers some of Australia's best and brightest university students who have exhibited a passion for civic engagement and public service.

Eric Federer of KPMG is the inspiration behind the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program which he first organized in 2000. I thank him for his efforts in promoting U.S.-Australian understanding through this program and am proud to say that since its inception I have been a proud participant. This year, I welcomed an outstanding student-ambassador to my office, Erin Riley, who has shared with us the different perspective she offers as a newcomer to Washington, D.C. Ms. Riley joined my office from the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, and has proven to be a shining example of the high caliber of students who are involved in